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SUBJ: NAMIBIA: PRIME MINISTER THROWS DOWN GAUNTLET

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1. AS EXPECTED, PRIME MINISTER VORSTER THREW DOWN GAUNTLET TO SOUTH WEST AFRICA PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATION (SWAPO) AND OTHER NAMIBIAN DISSIDENTS WHEN HE OPENED ANNUAL CONGRESS OF SOUTH WEST AFRICA NATIONAL PARTY IN WINDHOEK AUGUST 21.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, VORSTER MADE IT ABUNDANTLY CLEAR THAT "ORDER" WILL BE RESTORED IN STRIFE-TORN TERRITORY. WITHOUT NAMING THEM, BUT OBVIOUSLY REFERRING TO SWAPO IN FIRST INSTANCE, HE SAID THERE WERE ORGANIZATIONS WHICH WANTED TO BRING ABOUT CHANGE BY EXTRA-PARLIAMENTARY MEANS, INCLUDING "STRIKES, VIOLENCE AND BLACKMAIL." THESE ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD

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REALIZE THAT "WE HAVE NOW REACHED THE STAGE, AND I HAVE SAID

IT IN THE PAST FEW DAYS, WHERE DISORDER AND VIOLENCE IS OUT. THERE ARE CERTAIN ELEMENTS IN SOUTH WEST AFRICA AND OUTSIDE WHO WANT A CONFRONTATION WITH THE EXISTING GOVERNMENTS, NOT ONLY OF THE BLACKS BUT ALSO OF THE WHITES. WE HAVE REACHED THE STAGE WHERE IF THEY ARE LOOKING FOR IT THEY ARE GOING TO GET IT." VORSTER ADDED THAT "DUE ALLOWANCES" HAD BEEN MADE FOR THE ACTIONS OF SOME BLACK LEADERS, BUT "WHEN IT COMES TO DEEDS TO OVERTHROW LAW AND ORDER, THE GOVERNMENT CANNOT ALLOW IT TO CONTINUE."

3. SEEKING TO REASSURE WHITES WHO HAVE BEEN AFRAID THAT SAG MIGHT MAKE DEAL WITH UNITED NATIONS OVER THEIR HEADS, VORSTER PROMISED THAT WHITES WOULD HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO DECIDE THEIR OWN FUTURE THROUGH THEIR OWN PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES. SAG WOULD CONTINUE TO ADMINISTER TERRITORY IN TERMS OF MANDATE "UNTIL YOU TELL US WE DON'T NEED YOUR HELP ANY MORE," ANOTHER WAY OF SAYING INDEFINITELY.

4. VORSTER ALSO SCOTCHED TWO RUMORS CIRCULATING IN TERRITORY -- THAT HE WAS GOING TO ALLOW UNITED NATIONS REPRESENTATIVE TO RESIDE IN TERRITORY AND THAT HE WAS GOING TO DIVIDE TERRITORY IN TWO, WITH SOUTH AFRICA TAKING THE SOUTHERN HALF AND THE UNITED NATIONS THE NORTHERN, I.E. HOMELANDS, SECTION.

5. TURNING TO RECENT MEETING IN JOHANNESBURG OF HIS MULTI-RACIAL ADVISORY COUNCIL, VORSTER CLAIMED THAT COUNCIL'S BLACK MEMBERS HAD FREELY OFFERED COOPERATION OF THEIR PEOPLES TO SAG. CAREFULLY SELECTING EXAMPLES, HE SAID OWAMBO AND KAVANGO DELEGATES HAD AGREED THAT IRRIGATION SCHEMES ON KUNENE AND OKAVANGO RIVERS WOULD BE UTILIZED FOR BENEFIT OF ALL PEOPLE OF TERRITORY. EASTERN CAPRIVI DELEGATES ASKED FOR MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN STRUGGLE AGAINST TERRORISM AND COMMUNISM. THESE MEN WERE NOT STOOGES BUT THE REAL LEADERS OF BLACK PEOPLES OF TERRITORY, HE SAID.

5. COMMENT: EVEN BEFORE VORSTER'S SPEECH, SAG HAD BEGUN SYSTEMATIC ROUND-UP OF SWAPO YOUTH LEAGUE LEADERS IMPLICATED IN PREVIOUS INCIDENTS AND TO DISPERSE ILLEGAL POLITICAL MEETINGS WITH WHAT APPEARS TO BE INDISCRIMINATE VIOLENCE. IT IS NOW OPEN QUESTION WHETHER SAG WILL PROCEED TO BAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SWAPO AND ANTI-GOVERNMENT NATIONAL CONVENTION.

6. OPEN RESORT TO REPRESSION INDICATES THAT SAG NO LONGER EXPECTS DIALOGUE WITH SECRETARY-GENERAL WALDHIEM TO CONTINUE OR, RATHER, THAT IT NO LONGER SEES ANY GOOD COMING FROM EVEN THIS MINIMAL FORM OF COOPERATION WITH UNITED NATIONS. VORSTER PROBABLY REASONS THAT, HAVING TRIED DIALOGUE AND -- RELATIVE -- TOLERANCE OF DISSIDENT POLITICAL ACTIVITY IN TERRITORY AND

RECEIVED SLAP IN FACE AS RESULT, IT IS EXPEDIENT TO REVERT TO PRE-DIALOGUE EMPHASIS ON WHITE SUPREMACY AND BLACK HOMELAND DEVELOPMENT. FOR VERY COGENT INTERNAL POLITICAL REASONS, THIS GOVERNMENT CANNOT AFFORD TO PRESENT PICTURE OF WEAKNESS IN FACE OF RACIAL DISORDER AND OUTSIDE INTER-FERENCE.

7. IN LIGHT ABOVE, MULTI-RACIAL ADVISORY COUNCIL, WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED AS EVIDENCE OF SAG'S GOOD INTENTIONS DURING HEY-DAY OF DIALOGUE, WILL PROBABLY SURVIVE END OF DIALOGUE BUT AS VEHICLE TO RAISE STATUS OF DOCILE HOMELAND GOVERNMENTS. SMITH

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